

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has grouped the pending claims into three groups:

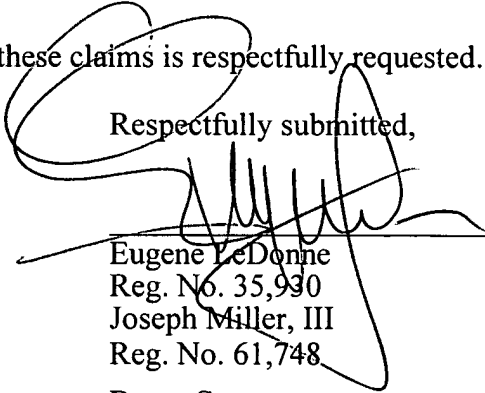
1. Group I of claims 7-9 drawn to an in-ear earphone including a support element anchorable in a concha;
2. Group II of claims 10-11 drawn to a headphone system with connecting element; and
3. Group III of claim 12 drawn to an earclip headphone including a loop for hooking engagement on an ear.

The Examiner contends that the groups are not so linked to form a single general inventive concept.

Without prejudice and without conceding to the Examiner's characterizations, Applicants elect Group I, claims 7-9, for further prosecution in this case.

An early action on the merits of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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